



2004 Healthy Youth Survey **Adams County** **Healthy Youth Survey 2004 Participation Rates**

Attached are the Healthy Youth Survey 2004 participation rates for school buildings in Adams County. All participation rates are estimates, based on the 2003 school year enrollments, because 2004 enrollment figures are not yet available.

As you know, low participation rates on the 2004 Healthy Youth Survey can limit the ability to generalize data from the students who took the survey to other students in the county. Whether these data are generalizable depends on how students who took the survey differ from those who did not take the survey. If there are differences between these two groups of students that might affect survey results, you should discuss these differences when using the data.

In general, the following guidance may be used when reviewing your data; however, if important groups of students are missing from your data, there may be limitations even if you have a high participation rate.

If your participation rates are...

- **70% or greater:** Your Healthy Youth Survey results are probably representative of students in this grade in your county.
- **40-69%:** Your Healthy Youth Survey results may be representative of students in this grade in your county, but further examination of other data (by school or district) to identify any important differences between participants and non-participants should be completed before generalizing results to the county. Comparisons could be done using information from non-HYS sources such as the census, school achievement test results, or other information.
- **Less than 40%:** Participation rates less than 40% are quite low, and your Healthy Youth Survey results should not be interpreted as representative of the county. They are, of course, representative of the students who took the survey, and may be representative of sections of your county.

Participation Summary for Adams County

Adams County had the following student participation rates by grade:

Grade 6: 73%
Grade 8: 65%
Grade 10: 41%
Grade 12: 50%

These participation rates were calculated by dividing the number of valid surveys by the number of students enrolled in public schools in your county, based on final 2003-2004 school year enrollment figures available at <http://www.k12.wa.us/dataadmin/>. Surveys that were dropped during cleaning are included with non-participants. However, this shouldn't dramatically affect the participation rates. The attached spreadsheet showing the participation rates for each school may help you figure out which students in your county these data describe best.

HYS 2004 contractor website: <http://www.rmccorp.com/hys04/>

HYS DOH website: <http://www3.doh.wa.gov/HYS/>

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co-dist-build-grade	distname	schname	enrollment	validn	% return
01-122-3142-06	Benge	Benge Elementary	1	0	0%
01-158-3421-06	Lind	Lind Elementary School	17	0	0%
01-147-2902-06	Othello	Lutacaga Elementary	107	79	74%
01-147-2961-06	Othello	Hiawatha Elementary School	82	80	98%
01-147-3730-06	Othello	Scootney Springs Elementary	88	46	52%
01-160-2719-06	Ritzville	Ritzville Grade School	32	32	100%
01-109-3075-06	Washtucna	Washtucna Elementary/High School	5	5	100%
Total			332	242	73%
01-158-2903-08	Lind	Lind Jr Sr High	22	0	0%
01-147-3471-08	Othello	Mcfarland Junior	243	169	70%
01-160-2719-08	Ritzville	Ritzville Grade School	39	26	67%
01-109-3075-08	Washtucna	Washtucna Elementary/High School	7	6	86%
Total			311	201	65%
01-158-2903-10	Lind	Lind Jr Sr High	15	0	0%
01-147-3015-10	Othello	Othello High School	221	84	38%
01-160-2132-10	Ritzville	Ritzville High School	29	25	86%
01-109-3075-10	Washtucna	Washtucna Elementary/High School	8	4	50%
Total			273	113	41%
01-158-2903-12	Lind	Lind Jr Sr High	10	0	0%
01-147-3015-12	Othello	Othello High School	188	88	47%
01-160-2132-12	Ritzville	Ritzville High School	27	24	89%
01-109-3075-12	Washtucna	Washtucna Elementary/High School	9	5	56%
Total			234	117	50%

